



King County

Department of Natural Resources and Parks

Solid Waste Division

# KING COUNTY BROWNFIELDS PROGRAM HARBORVIEW MEDICAL CENTER PROJECT BROWNFIELDS CLEANUP FACT SHEET September 2006

<b>Project Name:</b>	Harborview Medical Center Cleanup and Expansion Project.
<b>Location:</b>	925 James Street, Seattle, WA.
<b>Site Description:</b>	Two parcels totaling .34 acres located on First Hill next to Harborview Medical Center (HMC).
<b>Site History:</b>	Historical records indicate the site was residential from the late 1800s until 1960. In about 1960, the residential dwelling was demolished and a commercial building was constructed at the site. From 1960 to the present, the site has been leased to a variety of commercial enterprises, including laundromats and dry cleaning, restaurants and a beauty salon.
<b>King County Brownfields Program:</b>	The King County Solid Waste Division has received grant funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to conduct environmental assessment and cleanup on contaminated Brownfield properties for eligible entities. The Brownfields Program website is: <a href="http://www.metrokc.gov/dnrp/swd/brownfields/index.asp">http://www.metrokc.gov/dnrp/swd/brownfields/index.asp</a> .
<b>Cleanup Description:</b>	The Brownfields Program used EPA cleanup grant funding to contribute to an environmental cleanup of the site. Cleanup included the excavation, transportation, treatment and disposal of tetrachloroethylene (PCE) contaminated soil. In December, 2005, 13,751.55 Dry Wt. Tons of “contained out” soil with PCE levels above Washington State Department of Ecology cleanup levels were excavated and disposed of at an appropriately permitted Class D municipal solid waste landfill (the Roosevelt Regional Landfill in Klickitat County, Washington).
<b>Reason for Cleanup:</b>	Prior to acquisition of the site by King County, a Phase II subsurface investigation was conducted. Results of the investigation identified detectable levels of PCE (found in dry cleaning solvent) in soil samples from one or more depth intervals at six of the seven boring locations, and to a depth of 60 feet. PCE was also detected in groundwater at the four locations sampled using a geoprobe sampling device. Concentrations in these samples were all above the state cleanup levels.
<b>Results:</b>	Cleanup activities have been completed at the site and were conducted under the Washington State Department of Ecology’s Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP). Confirmation sample results indicate that the PCE contaminated soil above the state cleanup level (Model Toxics Control Act Method A) has been successfully removed from the site. A copy of the final remediation report is available for review at Harborview Medical Center at the departmental offices of Planning and Regulatory Affairs.
<b>Conclusions/ Next Steps:</b>	The final remedial action report has been submitted to Ecology in support of a request for a “No Further Action” (NFA) designation under the VCP. Ecology staff is currently reviewing the report and comments and/or a determination are expected sometime in the fourth quarter of 2006.
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